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DINOLFO ANNOUNCES MT. READ WEGMANS PHARMACEUTICAL WASTE COLLECTION

Monroe County to Partner with Wegmans for Free Collection

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** today announced that the County's Department of Environmental Services (DES) is partnering with Wegmans and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office to hold a pharmaceutical waste collection on Saturday, August 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Mt. Read Wegmans located at 3710 Mt. Read Blvd. in Greece.

*"Monroe County is proud of its collaborative partnership with Wegmans for these pharmaceutical waste drop-offs that are free-of-charge for county residents," said **Dinolfo**. "These collections continue to serve as an outstanding resource, as they allow for the safe and environmentally-friendly disposal of potentially harmful substances."*

To date, Monroe County, Wegmans, local police departments and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) have served almost 45,000 residents and accepted more than 120,000 pounds of pharmaceutical waste. Monroe County and Wegmans will partner for one additional free pharmaceutical waste collection this year, on Saturday, September 24th at the Calkins Road Wegmans.

Waste from pharmacies, veterinary offices and pharmaceutical businesses are not accepted at these waste drop-offs. All medications will be destroyed by an incineration process which is overseen by law enforcement. No appointments are needed.

Residents can also drop off their unused medications to the Sheriff's Office Substations, as well as local Police Departments in Fairport, East Rochester, Greece, Brighton, Ogden, Brockport, Webster, Irondequoit and Gates. Drop-offs are also held at the Monroe County Ecopark on Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Residents can access a full schedule by viewing the Ecopark's website at www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark/

Monroe County's pharmaceutical waste collections have won several awards, including the New York State DEC's Environmental Excellence Award and the United States EPA's 2009 Environmental Quality Award.

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